

TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS

Town Board

February 8, 2010

Dennis Jelle opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Present were Chairman, Dennis Jelle, Clerk Helen Kahl, Treasurer, Nancy Goplin, and Supervisors Al Antonson and Joen Meylor.

Helen Kahl read the minutes of the January 11, 2009, meeting. Al moved to approve, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Public Hearing: Harold Post rezoning 24.8 acres in Section 36. Two parcels, 22.8 Acres to A-2 and 2. Acres to A-2. There is no plan to build at this time. It is recommended by the land use committee to approve with the condition of one animal unit/acre. Passed 6-0 by land use. Al moved to approve with the condition above. Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0. Petition # 10162. \$300 fee paid.

Public Hearing Heidi Richardson rezoning 22.5 acres from A1 Ex to A-2. There is no plan to build. The land use committee voted 6-0 to approve. Joen moved to approve with future building site to be presented to the Board, Al seconded, motion passed 3-0. Petition #10157. \$300 fee paid.

Wittenwyler Living Trust, rezoning 15 acres. 6.5 Acres to Rh 2, and 8.5 Acres to A-4. The plan is to build in a few years. There would be a required site visit and driveway visit at the time of building on this site. Al moved to approve the rezone with the above condition, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0. Petition #10163, paid \$300 fee.

Brooke Gagner introduced herself as Dane County Deputy replacing Coy Bethel as our liaison. She will be reporting to us from time to time.

Regarding the Dane County Ordinance Amendment 21, 09-10, Al moved to approve, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Regarding the proposed County radio system, it is still in limbo with most of the county's municipalities wanting the county to tax for the maintenance costs, not the individual municipalities. Dennis asked Helen to send a letter to the Towns Association saying we continue to support the radio system, but not the method of paying for the maintenance.

Regarding the discussions Al has had with Beverly Docken's representative, the Board asked Helen to send to Steve Haroldson, Mt. Horeb Village Board, a copy of the round-up rule in our Comprehensive Plan.

Building and Grounds. Regarding the moisture problem in the garage. We have a bid from Rockweiler Insulation to tear down the ceiling and put on foam. The bid is for \$24,000. To put exhaust fans in the two un-ventilated bays would cost over \$3000. Al got a bid from Gaco Western for the same work for \$19,225. That would not include tear-down or painting (\$3318). There could be a possibility of using the foam in some other building project. The north wall of the cold storage part of the building also needs to be painted. The cold, moist air is coming through and will eventually mold the drywall.

The Blue Mounds Food Pantry approached us regarding renting the truck bay. Denny Oimoen is interested in continuing to rent it also. There was an idea about them sharing the space, but there would be a liability factor. The Board agrees the food pantry concept is good, but with the number of people they serve and the liability with trucks and other equipment in and out of the garage, we just don't feel it is what we would consider for that space.

We continue to search on SWAP for a map file. Dan looked at the one that is currently on auction and he and Helen decided not to bid on it. In a week or two, there will be a five drawer one which would fit nicely under the counter in the office. Previous authorization was to spend up to \$500, but the files seem to go higher than that. The board authorized Helen to buy a map file spending up to \$1000. Al moved, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

The county has promised us updated maps for the comprehensive plan. There will be another meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to designate certain areas as growth and commercial areas. Al will contact Tom Hansen regarding that meeting date.

Road Maintenance report. Dan plans to order some signs and culverts. The signs are necessary for replacements to comply with the new reflective requirements. He will replace at least 6 culverts this year. Dan reported that a guard rail for 200 ft on Sand Rock Road would cost \$5000 or more.

Dan reported we are having trouble with snow breaking mailboxes. Dan says it would be helpful if mailboxes would be breakaway with a snow shield. Helen will check online for diagrams and have something ready for next month's meeting that we could attach to our building permit or driveway permit applications.

Fire District Report, the visitation and the funeral, about 3500 people attended the funeral of Chuck Himsel, Fire Chief. The ladder truck is still in Virginia for repairs and will be coming back soon. The Fire District Board will soon be starting process of replacing the Fire Chief.

Regarding Reini Straubhaar, the County has changed their petition from A-B to B-1. Since that is what the Board approved in the first place, there was no objection.

Livestock siting meeting is being held in Dodgeville on Feb 18 at 3:00 at the Dodger Bowl. It has been moved from Madison. This is going to be an ongoing issue and we need to keep up on information provided. Dennis will try to attend as Al will be out of town.

Al and Helen attended the meeting at Town of Brigham regarding East Brigham Road/18-151. Town of Brigham and Village of Blue Mounds will meet to make a recommendation about what is the most popular option, either a frontage road or a bridge. Al learned when talking to the DOT that evening that Cave of the Mounds Road will be a bridge. Maintenance of the bridge will be the responsibility of the State.

It appears Transfer of Development Rights at the County level is coming up on the horizon and Al was contacted by Pat Downing encouraging us to support it.

Al moved to approve the bills, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Joen moved to adjourn. Al seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kahl, Clerk

